

to be seen. It had about six large dragon flies in its stomach. This tern and the phalarope are now in my collection. — G. EIRIG, *Cumberland, Md.*

Second Record of the Purple Gallinule (*Ionornis martinica*) in Illinois.— I am indebted to Mr. Marvin Hughitt, Jr., for information regarding the capture of a specimen which is rare for this State. The bird was killed by Mr. T. G. Winders while snipe shooting near Coal City, Grundy Co., Ill., on April 24, 1900. It is mounted and now in possession of Mr. Hughitt. The only previous record for the State, that I am aware of, was given by Mr. E. W. Nelson in his 'Birds of Northeastern Illinois' (Bull. Essex Inst., VIII, April, 1877, pp. 90-155), based on a specimen taken by Mr. C. N. Holden, Jr., near Chicago. Mr. Holden has recently informed me that this bird was taken by Mr. R. Borchardt of Lake View, a suburb of Chicago. — RUTHVEN DEANE, *Chicago, Ill.*

Cory's Bittern.— Since the publication of 'The Standing of *Ardetta neoxena*,' by Mr. Frank M. Chapman, in 'The Auk,' Vol. XIII (pp. 11-19), nine more specimens, six of which are unrecorded, have been taken at Toronto; and Mr. Ames and myself have recorded the finding of the eggs (Auk, Vol. XVIII, p. 106). I believe Toronto still remains the only Canadian place of record for this very interesting bird, and as seven Toronto birds had been recorded when Mr. Chapman published his paper, I have numbered the records given in the following table from eight onwards:

TORONTO RECORDS OF *Ardetta neoxena*, 1896-1900.

No.	Collection of	Locality.	Sex.	Date.	Collector.
8	W. Rothschild	Toronto	♂ ad.	Aug. 17, 1896	A. Dey
9	J. H. Ames ⁽¹⁾	"	♂ ad.	May 14, 1897	Geo. Pierce
10	Geo. Pierce ⁽¹⁾	"	♀ ad.	June 30, 1897	" "
11	Manly Hardy	"	♂ ad.	June 8, 1898	A. Dey
12	J. H. Fleming ⁽²⁾	"	♀ ad.	June 15, 1898	Geo. Pierce
13	C. K. Rogers	"	♂ im.	Aug. 3, 1898	C. K. Rogers
14	Prov. Mus., Toronto	"	♂ ad.	Aug. 7, 1899	A. Dey
15	" " "	"	♂ im.	Aug. 14, 1899	A. Dey
16	J. H. Fleming ⁽³⁾	"	♂ ad.	Sept. 8, 1899	J. Tymon

Nos. 8 and 11 were sexed by the same man, and as both were for some time in my keeping I was able to compare them with others in my own collection, and saw no reason to doubt that they were adult males. No. 8 belonged to Mr. O. Spanner, and I was able to secure it for the Hon.

¹ Recorded by Mr. Ames in Auk, Vol. XIV, p. 411.

² Recorded by Mr. Ames and myself in Auk, Vol. XVIII, p. 106.

³ Now in coll. of British Museum.